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REA ROLL CALL

For REA Men and Women in Service

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REA HELPS IN FIGHTING WAR, SAYS ANNUAL REPORT

REA SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN ELIGIBLE FOR PROMOTIONS IN ABSENTIA

An administrative memorandum, distributed throughout REA early this month, contains the following information of interest to REA staff members on military furlough:

"To the greatest extent possible, and wherever feasible, commensurate with good management practices, vacancies in Rural Electrification Administration will be filled through promotion from within of existing personnel. All persons on military furlough shall be considered for promotion in absentia. . . ."

The memorandum, a re-issue of one originally distributed in January, 1944, was signed by Acting Administrator William J. Neal.

AUBREY WILLIAMS NOMINATED ADMINISTRATOR

Aubrey W. Williams, former head of the National Youth Administration, has been nominated by President Roosevelt to be REA Administrator, succeeding Harry Slattery.

In 1933, Mr. Williams was made a field representative of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and was later named assistant administrator of the Civil Works Agency. He was executive director of the National Youth Administration from 1935 to 1938 when he was made NYA Administrator. His new appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate.

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

BORN: to Lt. and Mrs. Stanley Szwalek, a son, Stanley, Jr., December 19, 1944

DOCUMENT CITES REA'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN FOOD PRODUCTION

REA's contribution toward winning the war is highlighted in the 1944 Annual Report to the Secretary of Agriculture, recently released.

"Farmers plagued by labor shortages," the report says, in part, "and striving to meet food goals under wartime conditions, relied on electric power, on pumps and milking machines, brooders and yard lights to produce the food that kept the nation at fighting peak, sustained our armed forces in Europe and Asia, encouraged our Allies abroad."

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch commented editorially on January 15, 1945 that "it comes probably as a surprise to most people that the number of consumers served by REA-sponsored electric lines has gone up sharply during the war -- about 10 per cent in the fiscal year ended last June 30. . . . We have come far since 1935 -- from 10 per cent to 43 per cent of all farms in the country electrified. What is to come, if REA's plans are carried through, is larger-scale extension of rural electricity."

REAers on all the fighting fronts may well be proud of the part they have played in achieving the excellent results so far and should look forward with keen anticipation to the big job of rural electrification that lies ahead.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED RECENTLY, PLEASE
SEND THE ROLL CALL YOUR NEW ADDRESS

REA's Fourth Gold Star

PFC. HARMON A. CARPENTER

Killed In Action

Germany, December 15, 1944

COLUMN WRITE

STROJNY GOES TO HOSPITAL TO SEE DARRELL L. JOHNSON; FINDS DARRELL F. INSTEAD

Lt. Frances Ruhl, USN, the gal who won \$300 in the Dr. I. Q. Biography Contest in 1942, has done it again. This time she bagged twenty bucks on the Double or Nothing quiz, January 5th . . . Welcome back to Percy Smith, honorably discharged, now working with Al Fox in Co-op Operations; and Al Tranchilla, honorably discharged, Associate Solicitor's Office. . . Lt. Henry Bazak visited his friends in REA last week. He's on a 30-day furlough before reporting to the Philly Navy Yard. Just finished two years at Pearl Harbor. . . Sgt. Norma Lewis spends her free evenings at the Tooele (Utah) Proving Grounds teaching two classes in typing and one in shorthand. That's in addition to the office work, which is heavy. . . Lt. (jg) Ray Severine is an instructor in "Electronics Gear" at Pearl Harbor. He saw Tex Williams in Washington before he left, and spent Christmas in Idaho. . . Cpl. Paul Carroll sent us a Christmas card, asking that his greetings be passed on to all his friends in REA. . . Lt. Warner Smith has been spending quite a bit of time on infantry training, which includes cutting through jungles, bivouacking amid mosquitoes and other pests. One morning he awoke with four lizards in his blanket. He says the lizards didn't mind his presence at all. . . The Plucknetts are having difficulty locating living quarters in San Diego (as who ain't?) and Caroline (she's Knoland's better half) has just about decided to take a Civil Service job at the Naval Air Station so that they can get an apartment in the Government Housing project. Hubby's ship isn't on regular duty yet and he gets into home port about twice a week. . . Sgt. Frank Hanrahan has received a copy of a poem called "We'll All Be Rooned, Said Hanrahan." (No relation.) . . . Pfc Zelda Krinowitz is recuperating at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, after a recurrence of an old stomach ailment in New Guinea. She writes that she saw Dave Cohen down there several times. . . Our "Going Up" column is so small this issue that we're sticking it in right about here: Lt. (jg) Ray Severine, T/5 Bill Dean, and Sgt. Arnold Winokur. WHEN YOU'RE PROMOTED, WRITE US!

It's probably too late now but we would like to send a note of explanation to Sl/c Steve Strojny, Tech Standardite stationed at Great Lakes, Ill.

Steve wrote REAer Clarence White that he had seen a news-photo of Ens. Darrell F. Johnson receiving the Purple Heart at the Great Lakes Hospital, and added that he was going to see Johnson since he seemed to remember someone from REA by that name.

Well, there IS someone from REA by that name but he's Lt. Darrell L. Johnson, who's down at the Lakeland, Fla., Army Air Field. We hope that Steve and Darrell F. had a good chat anyhow.

LOU KNOWLES HITCH-HIKES ACROSS FRANCE; COVERS PARISIAN SIGHTS IN WHIRLWIND TRIP

The argosy of Lou Knowles, REA's representative in the Merchant Marine, is continued in a long letter he recently sent the Roll Call.

Lou's latest voyage took him to Paris, where he saw Notre Dame Cathedral, Eiffel Tower, Napoleon's Tomb, Arc de Triomphe, the Trocadero, and the Louvre.

His ship anchored first at Omaha Beachhead, site of the original invasion of France. Later it went on to Arronanches from whence he hitched to the French capital.

The ship's crew elected Lou to attend the National Maritime Union's Leadership School in New York City. He completed the course and is now awaiting a new assignment in the Port of Boston.

HERE TO THERE DEPARTMENT

Cpl. Ray Gallagher to APO 13247-A, New York City; T/5 Bill Dean to APO 503, Frisco; Lt. Herman Harns, c/o Postmaster, Westerly, R. I.; Capt. S. Houston Lay to Fleet Postoffice, New York City; Ditto for 3c PO Clarence Strange; Lt. Jim Bartolotta to APO 980, Seattle; Ens. Harry Oswald to Norfolk, Va.

Will anyone who has the correct address for Pvt. Robin Lett, Cpl. James McReynolds and Sgt. Harold Pyfrom please write the Roll Call. We have a batch of undeliverable mail waiting for them.